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### The Protestors



NEW YORK: This image provided yesterday by TIME Magazine shows the December 26, 2011/January 2, 2012 issue featuring "The Protester," who was named TIME's Person of the Year. Time magazine named the collective "protester" around the world as its person of the year yesterday, citing the change brought by street demonstrations from Arab countries to New York. (AFP PHOTO)

## Next year no more free for all on Aruban territorial Waters

ORANJESTAD -- Last Monday, Minister Otmar Oduber gave an extensive presentation regarding the new regulations and management of the "Nieuwe Haven- en Rede Verordening" (the New Harbor and Shipping Ordinance) which has been prepared by the Ministry of Tourism, Transport and Labor in conjunction with the Department of Shipping.

At this presentation Oduber indicated that they went to work with great speed to deal with different changes in the law as this relates to the regulation of traffic in our territorial waters.

Back in 2007 they initiated the first phase of the Twinning project and in 2010 they discussed with Holland about implementing the second phase the soonest possible. For the second phase they received legal assistance from local counselors, as well as from Dutch and Antillean legal advisers.

The work of these legal experts resulted in getting as many as 7 laws revised and the production of several new laws. After reviewing and then introducing these laws, the next step will be the registration of boats. The ultimate objective will be to gradually become independent from Curacao in the area of inspection in Aruba. To date Aruba is still under the management of Curacao in certain measure for this particular matter.

Oduber also expressed concern for the manner in which tariffs are established and the manner in which boat/ship registration is administered in Aruba. He is also concerned about the security measures in place, and the new requirements that they are currently occupied with as this relates to boats and ships.

The government is pleased that we now have a Harbor Master with clearly defined tasks anchored into law and in conformity with international





treaties. Also, in conformity with international treaties they were compelled to revamp the operations and functioning of the Department of Shipping. This new Department is now charged with executing the new law of the Harbor and Shipping Ordinance.

One issue that the government considered very important and demanded their attention is the large number of ships they see constantly anchored outside of Aruba. The question was always... "What are the consequences of that practice?" When we consider that Aruba, being a small country, is very vulnerable to whatever incident that could occur, we must have a mechanism to control all activities that relate to our safety.

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### The Results of the investigation is but the beginning towards a new model,

#### According to Lissette Malmberg

ORANJESTAD -- The general public in attendance at last week's Tourism Summit were very impressed with the extensive investigation related to the future of the

tourism product of Aruba.

The 2 days Tourism Summit, dubbed, "Winning the Future," organized by the Ministry of Tourism and held in the prestigious Renaisin the prestigious Renaissance Convention Center, brought together personalities from different sectors of the Aruban community. The investigation was conducted by 6 persons from the University of Central Florida under the leadership of former Aruba Minister of Finance and Tourism, Dr. Robertico Croes.

One year ago, Minister Oduber appealed to Dr. Croes to conduct an investigation of the Aruba tourism model that was being used for 25 years to promote the Aruba Tourism product. The request was to ascertain whether that 25 year old model is still valid and effective and whether we should continue to use it for the coming years.

The result was that even though the Aruba product is very strong, the wishes and



Lisette Malmberg

preferences of our visitors have changed and is chang-

Lisette Malmberg, a veteran in the tourism business and a spiritual leader in our community, was a member of one of the panels of the Summit which had the task of presenting remarks and answering questions concerning the investigation. In her Malmberg words, served..."The results of the investigation is but a start of the process, it is not the end of it. We must now redesign Aruba's product and find ways to take Aruba to the next level in this century.'

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## Christmas time is here for the young at heart



Bon Pasco one and all

island attends regu-

A highlight of the year for all involved is the annual Christmas bash, this time taking place yester-day in the Palm Beach Ballroom of the Westin Aruba Resort. Wearing special holiday garb, the "clients" en-joyed a delightful breakfast and lunch buffet and a morning full of entertain-

ment by musical groups, Diana Uchtmann, center direcpoets and choirs.

Dande King Maduro and his group provided lively music that had everyone on the

dance floor, whether they had a partner or not! La Escala singing group entertained as well, and Kibrahacha staffer Femke along with Raquel, led the entire room through a round of popular local seasonal songs.

This warm, congenial mor-

ning marks the close of the center for the holidays until 2012, and it is a great way to wish friends the best for the



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season and enjoy all it has to

by Rosalie Klein



and learning center principally sponsored by Aruba's Rotary Club, with a number of other enthusiastic supporters. The volunteers and staff provide 5

days a week of stimulating classes and social activities, which a membership of over 225 retirees from all over the



## Aruba must continue to grow...but how and on the basis of what, According to ATA CEO

ORANJESTAD -- The new CEO of Aruba Tourism Association, Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes is convinced that despite the results of the tourism investigation recently conducted, we must never forget those that are faithful to Aruba. She also believes that the result of the investigation is but a beginning of a new process that we must embark upon.

According to Tjin-Asjoe Croes, the result of the investigation is what they had partially anticipated as a result of the different meetings they had conducted relative to

what should be the future model for the Aruba Product.

Tjin-Asjoe-Croes was heavily involved in the investigative process because of the fact that this is the area in which the ATA is engaged. They met frequently with Dr. Robertico Croes to discuss ideas with respect to Aruba's tourism future.

They considered it important to include in the Marketing Plan, the direction that the investigation was headed. For this reason, many of the points and conclusions of the investigation are reflected in the ATA Marketing Plan. According to the ATA CEO, the investigation is part of the vision and philosophy of the government for Aruba's tourism, and with ATA's primary focus on quality rather than on quantity.

Tjin-Asjoe-Croes is convinced that the investigation proves that we must continue

to grow, but most importantly to discover how to continue that growth process and on the basis of what.

It is in that context she asserts it is important that we know the different components for growth and to learn how to utilize them.

ATA's CEO continued to remark that finding the way for continued growth is important and how to connect that growth with the quality of life of the citizens of Aruba. And, at the same time to comply with our commitments to our visitors.

She believes that the experiences of the visitor with respect to the people of the island is of utmost importance. If the people are happy and

contented, this will be transmitted to the visitor.

The change that must take place in the future, according to Tjin-Asjoe-Croes will be a gradual process. This is why it is a plan for the future, simply because it is impossible to switch immediately from a focus on "babyboomers" (the basis of loyal customers) to a different type of tourist. It is not a matter of changing strategy, but to observe which way tourism is headed. We need to discover which segment spends the most, and to accommodate them. And, to do so without forgetting those who have been and are faithful to Aruba. According to Aruba's Tourism CEO, Aruba can eeasily use her existing clients



Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes

to promote the island.

Otmar Oduber observed during this Summit titled, Winning the Future," that to "win the future is not Aruba's destination but Aruba's destiny!"

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## RBTT Bank employees give back to the community

Santa's Helpers deliver a happy holiday with Christmas Baskets







ORANJESTAD – Recently, the RBTT Employees for the Community, a volunteer organization of bank staff members, gave away Christmas baskets filled with necessary foodstuffs and Christmas goodies to several less fortunate island families. This gesture has become a tradition that began over five years ago, and which the bank staff expressed gives them immense satisfaction

Every month, the RBTT Bank employees contribute to a fund; this provides the money needed to realize the holiday project. The committee also thanks the RBTT Bank for its contribution to this worthy cause.

Needless to say, the baskets bring lots of happy smiles to the faces of the recipients. This further stimulates the bank employees to continue with this worthwhile effort year after year.

RBTT Bank encourages its employees to participate in voluntary work. "It's all part of our commitment and collective responsibility towards the community," a bank spokesperson said.



## Aruban Waters...

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The government must be able to control all exercises, transactions and activities taking place in our territorial waters. This is particularly important in view of our situation on the international map. We must have control of all transactions taking place, such as bunkering, transshipment, anchoring and all other activities.

Along with the effects that such transactions could have, particularly on our main source of income, these activities must be seen in the context of commercial activities that should be financially profitable for the island as is now incorporated into law. On the international map, Aruba is positioned as being most advantageous for different transactions, according to Minister Oduber.

It is in this context that the new Harbor and Shipping Ordinance was designed along with other laws. It is expected that by June 2012 this law and several other related laws would have been approved and put into effect.

Because the law to be presented to Parliament in January 2012 will be a brand new situation for Aruba, the Minister considered it important to organize a meeting with all concerned parties to provide detail information to ensure that everyone is cognizant of what this law entails and to allow for questions and the clarification of any doubts.

The Minister remarked that as much as the government wants to generate revenue from the shipping activites in our territorial waters, they have no intention of damaging the commercial activites taking place. They want to consolidate these activities currently taking place, and at the same time find ways to bring order and control in this so that they may even increase

## The Results of the investigation is but the beginning towards a new model ...

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Lisette Malmberg continued to observe that..."The procedures of the analysis used, gives Aruba a source for information that when combined, provides Aruba with a basis upon which we can work. "I consider what was done to be fantastic," reported Malmberg on the question as to whether the decision to do such an investigation was a wise decision. Malmberg indicated that the

initiative was a pro-active move with respect to the industry. "We did not sit by idle waiting for the changes to hit us by surprise, but we were pro-active with action plans for the changes."

Dr. Croes was extremely satisfied with the results of the two days of the Summit. From the reaction from the panel he had an opportunity to explain certain details more specifically.

Professor Croes was also extremely pleased to see such a large and varied audience, and especially the group of young entrpreneurs got his attention. They too, had several questions and observations. Croes commented that that young group of entrepreneurs is an excellent sign for the future of Aruba. It proves that Aruba's agenda has a broad base and that Aruba's vision is being

carried by all.

Dr. Croes was very pleased with the manner in which the community responded and supported the entire process of the investigation, It only demonstrated once more how Arubans love to talk about their future and how they think about their country.

Robertico Croes, "Tico" as he is affectionately known here, was delighted to be

back home after being away for 10 years! In his words,... "the same sentiments and cordiality of the Aruban lives on"



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## TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### Obama ratings down but Gingrich worse

WASHINGTON, (AFP) - US President Barack Obama's overall popularity has slipped to a new low but his approval ratings are still ahead of current Republican frontrunner Newt Gingrich, a poll showed yesterday.

The ABC News/Washington Post poll said the "unfavorable" views of Obama hit 49 percent, the highest of his presidency, while 48 percent viewed him favorably.

It was the first time the unfavorable rating had topped the favorable number in the most basic measure of popularity, the survey indicated.

Despite these ratings, Obama still is viewed in a more positive light than Gingrich, who is leading the Republican pack to challenge the Democratic president in November 2012.

The former House speaker's unfavorable rating is essentially the same as Obama's at 48 percent, but his favorable score is only 35 percent.

Additionally, the poll showed 23 percent see Obama "strongly" favorably, Gingrich's core group of strong supporters is just half as large, 12 percent.

The telephone survey conducted from December 7-11 interviewed a random sample of 1,012 adults and has a margin of error of 3.5 points.

## Belgian gunman killed cleaning woman before attack

LIEGE - Belgian investigators found the apparent first victim of a gunman who attacked Christmas shoppers and schoolchildren in the city of Liege, and expressed bafflement yesterday over why a small-time criminal turned into a multiple killer.

The body of a cleaning woman was found at a warehouse used by gunman Nordine Amrani, killed before he headed on Tuesday for a central Liege square to attack people around a bus station with an assault rifle and grenades.

Amrani's rampage ended with a death toll of five, including two teenagers and a toddler, as well as the gunman who shot himself in the head, a prosecutor said.

The overall death toll remained unchanged despite the discovery of the body in the warehouse on Tuesday night, as another 75-year-old woman



Nordine Amrani

who had been declared dead was later found to be in intensive care in hospital.

Amrani, a 33-year-old previously jailed for possession of arms and drugs offences, also injured 121 people, prosecutor Daniele Reynders said. Five of the injured remained in intensive care, while a further 40 people had been treated for shock.

The dead woman found in the warehouse was a cleaner in

her late 40s, although it was not clear whether she had worked for the Brussels-born gunman, Reynders said.

Investigators were still trying to establish a motive for Belgium's deadliest attack in almost 25 years.

Another prosecutor, Cedric Visart de Bocarme, said Amrani had a troubled life but this did not explain the killings.

"The enormous concern we have is how it was possible for someone seemingly sensible and normal to do this," he said added: "This was a delinquent, someone who had difficulties throughout their life."

Amrani's lawyer told Belgian television that police in the eastern city of Liege had summoned his client on Tuesday about an alleged sexual offence, which had made him nervous. Amrani failed to show up.

### France: Christmas begging ban



AFP photo shows a beggar and her dogs in Paris. While it's not quite in the festive spirit, locals and visitors to Paris appear happy with a new ban on begging in key shopping streets. Interior Minister Claude Guéant announced a crackdown on begging on the French capital's most famous street, the Champs Elyseés, back in September. He controversially claimed it would help reduce "Romanian petty crime." A similar ban has now just been introduced over the Christmas period in other popular areas such as the Louvre and the Haussmann shopping

## UN calls for action on Syria in 'name of humanity'

DAMASCUS (AFP) - UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged world powers yesterday to act "in the name of humanity" against the Syrian crackdown on protesters, as activists said Syrian forces killed another 21 civilians.

"In Syria, more than 5,000 people are dead," the UN secretary general told a news conference in New York. "This cannot go on. In the name of humanity, it is time for the international community to act."

Ban said he had sent a UN Human Rights Council report on President Bashar al-Assad's crackdown to the Security Council, which could increase pressure on the body to act.

He said the report, which highlighted that crimes against humanity may have been committed in Syria, had also been sent to the UN General Assembly and that it was now up to member states to take a decision.

"I hope that the United Nations and the international community will be able to take concerted, coherent action," he said.

On the ground, the Britainbased Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said "21 civilians were shot dead by the military and security forces across Syria, among them 11 in the Hama region" north of Damascus. Other fatalities were reported further south in Homs, in the northwestern province of Idlib and in Damascus province.

Meanwhile, the Observatory said "at least eight soldiers were killed in an ambush on four military jeeps travelling in the village of Al-Asharna on the outskirts of Hama."

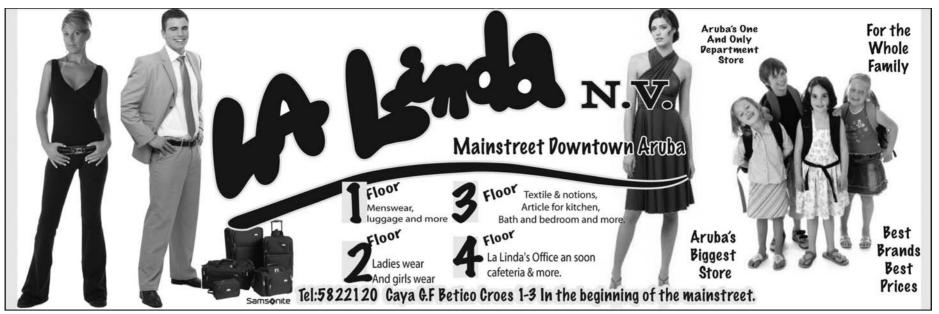


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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS **Dutch fighter pilot jailed** for plan to sell secrets

THE HAGUE (AFP) - A Dutch court sentenced a former F-16 fighter pilot to five years in jail yesterday for trying to sell state secrets to a Russian diplomat.

It was proved that the former airforce captain, named only as Chris V, by the Dutch media, "had secret documents on a computer and on CD-ROM... and was preparing a deal to sell it to a foreign power in return for a considerable amount of money."

The Hague court said the ex-aviator contacted a Russian military attache and was trying to sell secret information in return for 500,000 euros (U\$650,000) when he was arrested on March 17.

The documents particularly contained information about secure radio frequencies and

the tactical handling and detailed characteristics of the F-16 in combat situations.

The Russian diplomat and the pilot met several times, according to the court, including at a hotel and a restaurant in a seaside suburb of The Hague.

The former captain left the Dutch Air Force in 2010, where he served for 13 years, including combat experience in Afghanistan, said the state-

According to Dutch daily tabloid De Telegraaf, the pilot was in financial difficulties at the time of his arrest.

Therefore the suspect, purely for his own financial gain to help him out of his financial crisis, put himself above the safety concerns of the state and his fellow citizens," the court added.

## Officials: African migrants cram Spanish center

MADRID (AFP) - Scores of African migrants fled to Spanish soil in recent days, jamming reception centers to bursting point, an official said vesterday, with some reportedly swimming to its north African enclave of Ceuta.

Some 114 migrants from sub-Saharan Africa reached Ceuta, a finger of Spanish territory bordering Morocco, where 700 people are now housed in an immigration centre designed for 500, Carlos Bengoechea, director of the center, told AFP.

The latest arrivals came in two groups totalling 46 people on December 6 and 68 on Monday, he said. Media images over the past week showed some who had arrived after swimming from Morocco.

Originating from countries including Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Congo, Nigeria, Bur-

kina Faso and Gambia, they extra staff had arrived to are being housed in the center process their returns.

triation. "We have had to adapt some of the premises to house the immigrants who have been arriving in recent weeks." Bengoechea said. "They are all housed in adequate conditions," he stressed, adding that

run by the Spanish immigra-

tion authorities pending repa-

"We are transferring irregular immigrants to centers on the mainland as a preparatory step to their repatriation."

Thousands of migrants have risked their lives and many have died in recent years in dangerous Mediterranean sea crossings in the hope of starting a new life in Europe.



Johannesburg--Nelson Mandela's personal cook Xoliswa Ndoyiya poses on December 14, 2011 in Johannesburg after the release of her cookbook entitled "Ukutya Kwasekhaya: Tastes from Nelson Mandela's Kitchen" featuring the former South African President's favourite food. The book is a collection of recipes that Xoliswa has prepared for Mandela and his family for over 20 years. **AFP PHOTO** 

### Nazi hunters launch new drive to prosecute war criminals

BERLIN (AFP) - The Nazihunting Simon Wiesenthal Center launched a new drive in Germany yesterday to catch the last perpetrators of the Holocaust still at large based on a major legal precedent set this year.

Efraim Zuroff told a news conference that the Center would offer a reward of up to 25,000 euros (\$32,450) for information leading to the cap-

ture and conviction of now elderly people implicated in Nazi crimes during World War II.

"The passage of time in no way diminishes the guilt of the killers," Zuroff said. "Old age should not afford protection to mass murders. Each of the victims deserves that an effort be made to find their murderers."

Zuroff heads the Jerusalem office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, the Los Angeles-based organisation named after the Holocaust survivor who was perhaps the best-known Nazi hunter until his death in 2005.

He said a groundbreaking precedent set by the conviction in Germany in May of former camp guard John Demjanjuk, 91, could open the door to a new wave of criminal cases.

A Munich court sentenced the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk to five years imprisonment for helping the Nazis kill almost 30,000 Jews during his time at the Sobibor extermination camp in German-occupied Poland during World War II.

In a legal first, it found that simply demonstrating Demjanjuk's employment at the camp, rather than his involvement in specific murders, was enough to implicate him in the killings committed there.

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### **Health & Living**

## Education key to fighting child sex abuse, US senators told



file photo- Lauren Book

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Educating adults and youngsters on how to respond to child sexual abuse is key to stopping it, two survivors of pedophilia told US senators on Tuesday.

Former hockey player Sheldon Kennedy and victimturned-advocate Lauren Book testified on Capitol Hill as the man at the center of the Penn State scandal waived a preliminary hearing, sending his case directly to trial.

Jerry Sandusky, 67, former assistant coach on the revered Penn State football team, is accused of molesting 10 boys over an 11-year period, in a case that has pushed child sexual abuse to the top of the public agenda.

His arrest triggered the fir-

ing of legendary Penn State football coach Joe Paterno, who supervised Sandusky and now publicly regrets failing to do more when he was told of his deputy's alleged behavior.

"Punishing the bad guys makes us feel good, but it does not fully solve the problem," Kennedy, a former right-winger with the Boston Bruins, Calgary Flames and Detroit Red Wings, told members of the Senate's health committee.

He likened the Penn State case with his own experience with a Canadian junior hockey coach, Graham James, who served 3-1/2 years in prison for abusing Kennedy and others during their youth before he was pardoned in 2007.

Back in court last week, James pleaded guilty to sexual assaults involving other players during his coaching career in western Canada. He faces sentencing in February next year.

"In my case, my abuser was International Hockey Man of the Year," Kennedy told the senators, who are considering legislation to make the reporting of suspected child-abuse cases mandatory by law.

"In Canada, that gave him almost God-like status. Sound familiar?"

Kennedy, 42, is co-founder

of Respect Group (www.respectgroupinc.com), which offers Internet training for adult youth-group leaders on how to prevent abuse, bullying and harassment.

"Educating the good people, the 99 percent of our population, is our best defense to prevent abuse," he said.

Book, who recalled how she was "sexually, physically and emotionally abused" by her family's nanny, said "education is the key to empowering children to avoid the traps predators set."

Book's non-profit foundation Lauren's Kids (www.laurenskids.org) has developed a curriculum titled "Safer, Smarter Kids" that is being implemented in kindergartens in her native Florida from next month.

"We hope this will give every kindergarten student in our state the radar to recognize unsafe situations, and a language and tactics to deal with them," she said in a statement to the senators.

Senator Barbara Boxer, author of a bill to ensure that child abuse is reported to local authorities, said there are "up to 80,000 reported cases of child sexual abuse" in the United States every year.

"Seventy-one percent of all sex crime victims are children," she added. "Just as we came together in 1994 to pass the landmark Violence Against Women Act, we should now work together to pass a Violence Against Children Act."

Speaking to AFP, Kennedy called the Sandusky scandal "a great platform for change" not unlike the uproar that swept hockey-loving Canada when he went public with his own childhood nightmare 14 years

"Most adults want to do the right thing, and we need to give them the tools to know what those right things are," he said. "We're all expected to know and understand this stuff, and yet we've never had any kind of education on it."

## Israeli scientists develop cancer 'cluster bomb'

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Israeli medical researchers say they have developed a new technique for blasting cancer tumours from the inside out which reduces the risk of the disease returning after treatment.

Tel Aviv University professors Yona Keisari and Itzhak Kelson are about to start clinical trials of a pin-sized radioactive implant that beams short-range alpha radiation from within the tumour.

Unlike conventional radiation therapy, which bombards the body with gamma rays from outside, the alpha particles "diffuse inside the tumour, spreading further and further before disintegrating," a university statement quoted Keisari as saying.

"It's like a cluster bomb -instead of detonating at one point, the atoms continuously disperse and emit alpha particles at increasing distances."

The university said that the process takes about 10 days and leaves behind only non-radioactive and non-toxic amounts of lead.

"Not only are cancerous cells more reliably destroyed, but in the majority of cases the body develops immunity against the return of the tumour," the statement said.

The wire implant, inserted into the tumour by hypodermic needle, "decays harmlessly in the body," it added.

It went on to say that in preclinical trials on mice, one group had tumours removed surgically while another was treated with the radioactive wire.

"When cells from the tumour were reinjected into the subject, 100 percent of those treated surgically redeveloped their tumour, compared to only 50 percent of those treated with the radioactive wire," it said. "The researchers have had excellent results with many types of cancer models, including lung, pancreatic, colon, breast, and brain tumours."

It added that the procedure would begin clinical trials at Beilinson hospital, near Tel Aviv, "soon."



In this photograph taken on December 13, 2011 a group of detained Indonesian punks wash themselves in a lake after their hair was shaved off at a police school in Aceh Besar in Aceh province. Sharia police are "morally rehabilitating" more than 60 young punk rock fans, saying the youths tarnish the province's staunch Islamic image. After being arrested at a punk rock concert in the provincial capital Banda Aceh Saturday night, 59 male and five female punk rock fans have been forced to have their hair cut, bathe in a lake, change clothes and pray, an AFP correspondent on the scene said.



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### **Sci-Tech**



Scouts hold lamps lit from a flame which originated in Bethlehem, after transporting the so called "Bethlehem Lights" by train back to the Czech Republic from Vienna, in Brno. The tradition of the Bethlehem Light, carried from the birthplace of Jesus Christ by a child and collected from Vienna by delegations from other European cities, is said to be a symbol of Christmas peace.

**AFP Photo** 

## South Pole conquest hailed 100 years on

(AFP) - Norway's prime minister and several hundred scientists and adventurers gathered at the South Pole Wednesday to celebrate its conquest 100 years ago, also highlighting the threat of climate change.

On December 14, 1911, not long before the outbreak of World War I as nationalism was on the rise in Europe, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and the four members of his team were the first to arrive at the southernmost tip of the globe, planting a Norwegian flag at the pole to mark their epic victory over British adventurer Robert Scott.

"We are here to celebrate one of the most outstanding achievements of mankind," Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg said during the ceremony, according to a copy of his speech provided by his office.

Stoltenberg is only the second government chief to ever set foot on the South Pole, following the 2007 visit by then prime minister of New Zealand Helen Clark.

"And we are here to highlight the importance of this cold continent for the warming of the globe," he added in his speech to adventurers and the scientists stationed at the giant US Amundsen-Scott base camp, today located right next to the geographic pole.

A couple hundred people of different nationalities had



A handout photo released by the Norwegian Prime Minister's Office shows Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg (2nd L) and Norwegian explorers Boerge Ousland, Jan-Gunnar Winther and Stein P Aasheim posing after skiing on the South Pole.

decided to meet at the pole to celebrate the 100th anniversary of its conquest, including a number of Norwegian adventurers aiming to repeat their compatriots' exploit on skis.

A number of them however were forced to hitch a plane ride to cover the final distance and make it to the ceremony on time, due to poor weather conditions.

Stoltenberg took the opportunity to highlight the problem of climate change and the particular challenge it poses in Antarctica.

"The Antarctic continent has been changing more rapidly in recent years than at any time in the past 800 years," Stoltenberg said in his speech, cautioning that "the loss of ice in Antarctica can have dramatic global effects." If the Antarctic ice sheet were to melt completely --something that would not happen for centuries even under the worst case global warming scenarios -- scientists say it would boost sea levels by about five metres (16.5 feet).

That would lead the ocean to flood numerous coastal cities and swallow up many small island nations.

During the short ceremony, which was partially broadcast in Norway, Stoltenberg, like Amundsen before him, planted a Norwegian flag in the ice, and also unveiled an ice sculpture of his famous compatriot.

That's the man," he said, uncovering the bust.

Having swapped his usual suit and tie for a warm red and black anorak, the prime minister also skied the final kilometres to the pole in temperatures about 30 degrees Celsius below freezing (-22 degrees Fahrenheit), tracing the route taken by Amundsen and his team a century ago.

Stoltenberg was not however accompanied by sleddogs -- seen as the key to Amundsen's success over Scott, who made the mistake of using ponies for his expedition -since dogs and all foreign species besides humans have been banned from Antarctica since 1994 to avoid introducing foreign diseases to the icy continent.

The ill-fated British naval officer and his team were not forgotten at Wednesday's ceremony.

"Scott and his team paid the ultimate price... Their names will forever be inscribed in Polar history," Stoltenberg said, hailing "their courage and determination in reaching one of the most inhospitable places on earth."

After reaching the pole on January 17, 1912, more than a month after the Norwegian expedition, Scott and four of his compatriots died on their return journey, falling victim to extreme cold, exhaustion and starvation.

Scott's body, and those of his two team members, were found in their tent, buried under the snow, in November 1912.

Amundsen also completed a historic crossing of the Northwest Passage in 1903-1906. In 1926 he was part of an expedition to have reached the North Pole aboard a blimp, the first verified and uncontested attainment of the pole.

He died two years later on a mission to rescue Italian explorer Umberto Nobile who had piloted the airship to the North Pole.



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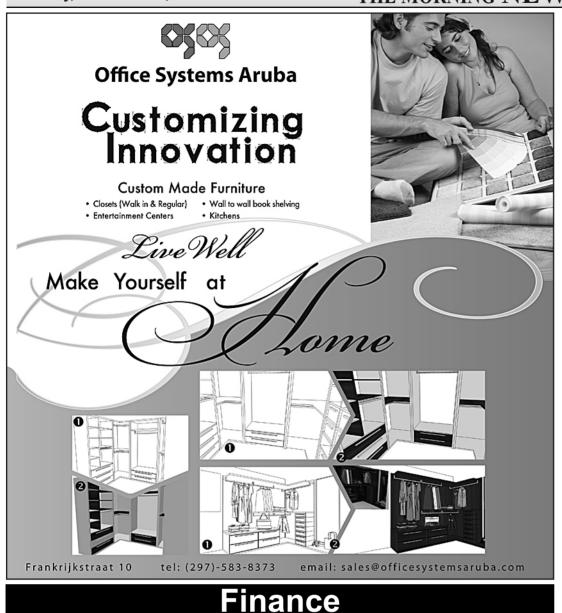
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## Bernanke tells lawmakers 'no euro bailout'

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Federal Reserve chief Ben Bernanke told Republican lawmakers yesterday that he cannot and will not bailout struggling European economies, one senator present at the meeting said.

Amid suspicions that Fed funds may be used to help debt-ridden eurozone countries, leading Republican Lindsay Graham said Bernanke assured senators "he doesn't have the intention or the authority to do that."

But Bernanke also warned President Barack Obama's foes in the Senate that if European leaders cannot solve the eurozone debt crisis, it would damage the US economy.

"He's very concerned," Republican Senator Orrin Hatch told reporters after the Fed chief briefed the lawmakers. "The collapse over there would be detrimental to us."

Republican Senator Lamar Alexander, one of the party's leaders in the chamber, had invited Bernanke to deliver the briefing amid rising fears that Europe's troubles may stifle the fragile US economic recovery.

After the meeting Senator Bob Corker said the United States' main focus should be to "right our own ship," adding that "the best thing we can do as a country is to deal with our own issues as quickly as possible."

The European crisis "affects us in a very big way... and even though our banks don't have direct exposure to the actual governments, they have a lot of exposure to European banks."

## Merkel: Europe could take years to solve debt crisis

China announces new tariffs on some US auto imports

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BEIJING (AFP) - China will levy anti-dumping and antisubsidy duties on certain US vehicle imports, the commerce ministry said yesterday, a move likely to fuel tensions between the world's two biggest economies.

The tariffs will be applied for two years to passenger cars and sports utility vehicles with engine capacities of 2.5 litres or more and will take effect today, the ministry said in a statement.

The decision will affect vehicles produced by General Motors, Chrysler Group, BMW Manufacturing, Mercedes-Benz US International, American Honda Motor and Ford Motor.

The move is likely to further strain ties between Beijing and Washington, which have recently locked horns over solar panels, chickens and the value of the Chinese currency.

The United States said it was "very disappointed" by yesterday's decision.

"We will be discussing this latest action with both our stakeholders and Congress to determine the best course going forward," a spokesperson for the US Trade Representative told AFP.

China said the investigation into US auto imports found do-

mestic vehicle manufacturers had "suffered substantial damages" due to the dumping and subsidies.

The anti-dumping penalties range from 2.0 percent to 21.5 percent while the anti-subsidy tariffs will be set at a maximum 12.9 percent, the ministry said.

State media said previously that the total number of vehicles affected by the tariffs would not exceed 50,000 units a year -- a small fraction of the total number of vehicles sold in China.

China overtook the US in 2009 to become the world's biggest auto market.

Most cars sold in China are produced in the domestic market through joint ventures between Chinese and foreign automakers. The majority of luxury cars are still imported.

The country's auto sales rose more than 32 percent last year to a record 18.06 million units, but the sector has since lost steam after Beijing phased out sales incentives such as tax breaks for small-engine vehicles

The US last week asked the World Trade Organisation to settle a dispute with China over Beijing's anti-dumping duties and countervailing duties on US chicken imports.

BERLIN (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday it could take Europe years to solve its debt crisis, as growing scepticism about the outcome of last week's EU summit weighed on financial markets.

In a speech to the German Bundestag or lower house of parliament, Merkel defended the move for tighter budget policing in the European Union, saying Europe and the eurozone would emerge stronger from the crisis.

"Getting over the state debt crisis is... a process. This process won't last weeks, it won't last months, it will last years," she said.

There could be "setbacks but if we don't let ourselves be discouraged... Europe won't just overcome the crisis but will emerge from it strengthened," she added.

European Union leaders from 26 of the 27 member states agreed at a high-stakes Brussels summit last week to back a Franco-German drive for tighter budget policing in a bid to save the eurozone.

After Britain, which does not use the euro, blocked changes to an EU-wide treaty, the other 26 EU states signalled their willingness to join a "new fiscal compact" imposing tougher budget rules.

Merkel said that with such a fiscal compact: "The vision of a real political union is beginning to take on contours."

Nevertheless, markets remained sceptical whether the moves decided in Brussels will be enough to prevent a breakup of the euro area.

European shares fell and the euro fell below 1.30 dollars for the first time in nearly a year.

Ratings agency Moody's has said the crisis talks failed to produce "decisive policy measures" and threatened to review the credit ratings of all EU states within the next three months.

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### Arab women filmmakers shine at Dubai festival



Dubai: Best actress for the film "Habibi," Maisa Abelhadi (R), embraces Palestinian director Susan Youssef after she won the Fipresci Arab Feature award for her film during the Dubai International Film Festival award ceremony in the Gulf emirate.

DUBAI (AFP) - A tale of forbidden love in the Gaza Strip won the top prize at the eighth Dubai Film Festival on Wednesday, where a new generation of Arab women directors stole the spotlight.

"Habibi" (My Love in Arabic), directed by Susan Youssef, won Best Arab feature film, and the film's star, Maisa Abdel Hadi, won best actress.

The film, which also won

the best editor award, tells the story of two Palestinian lovers, Qais and Leila, growing increasingly religious under the control of the Islamist group Hamas.

The couple meet at university in the West Bank, but both are expelled by Israeli authorities to Gaza.

Leila's brother is a Hamas member, and her relationship with Qais is forbidden. In one scene, the two are arrested on a beach for being together out of wedlock, forbidden under the Islamic sharia Law imposed by Hamas.

They both try to escape the Israeli-blockaded territory using false visas, but the plan is thwarted by Israeli authorities, and the film ends with Leila being forced into an arranged marriage with a man picked by her father.

Youssef cried upon receiving the award, and in her acceptance speech said: "I hope we can show the film in Gaza."

The young director said she began shooting the film in Gaza, but was forced to relocate after Israeli authorities blocked her from travelling to the territory.

She told AFP that she was prompted to make the film after she "fell in love with a theatre director in Gaza."

Youssef, who is originally Lebanese but grew up in the United States, said that "Habibi", her first film, cost less to make than "a luxury car in Dubai."

Jordanian filmmaker Deema Amr also tackled the social pressures facing women in Arab countries in her film "A 7 Hour Difference". The film tells the story of Dalia, a college student in the US who returns home to Jordan to attend her sister's wedding but the celebration turns sour when her American boyfriend turns up in Amman unannounced.

Dalia confesses the affair to her father, who then tells her to end the relationship:

"I asked you to come back to Jordan with a degree, not with a boyfriend," he says.

Lebanese director Danielle Arbid, presented her third film "Beirut Hotel," which narrates a love affair between a Lebanese singer and a Frenchman set against the backdrop of the assassination of prime minister Rafiq Hariri.

Arbid's film showed relatively steamy and intimate scenes, unusual for Arab cinema, and was barred from screening in Lebanon because of its reference to the Hariri assassination.

Female directors also starred in the documentary category, including, Sudanese filmmaker Tagrid Elsanhouri and French-Algerian counterpart Yasmina Adi.

Elsanhouri's "Our Beloved Sudan" tells parallel stories of

the struggles faced by the director's mother, forced to marry a man with three wives, and the events that led South Sudan gaining independence from Khartoum.

Adi's "Here We Drown The Algerians" follows the brutal suppression of the 1961 demonstrations by Algerian immigrants in France, demanding their country's independence from French rule.

"London Through The Eyes Of A Veiled Woman," a film about the struggles of a young Emirati woman studying in the West, also earned critical acclaim, in a festival where more than 170 films were screened since December 7.



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The cozy little shop can be found tucked away just across from The Cinemas ticket booth, featuring fine quality leather goods with a trendy touch, the best of the current Mario Hernandez designer collection. It also features a stylish selection of the designer's logo unisex shirts and stunning silk scarves.
Our personal favorite was a
cashmere shawl with MH 25th anniversary Chrysalis motif in suede appliqués; the look and feel of it is simply gorgeous. Shawls and scarves perfectly combine with the buttery leather handbags and accessories for an ensemble lfashion statement.

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MH collection with art by William DeBilzan

every sort, with specialized functions. "Our men's accessories are extremely popular; literally flying off the shelves," note the owners. In the two years since they opened their doors, they have found patrons are very impressed with the quality and

Just a short time ago, the design house created an extremely attractive new line featuring the art of William DeBilzan, noted American artist whose work is often seen adorning the chic homes of television characters; he has popular galleries in both Florida and California and his

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Mario Hernandez has been creating and designing products for over 30 years; his name is synonymous with manufacturing excellence and innovation in design. The store in Paseo Herencia Mall in Palm Beach is opened until 10:00 PM for convenient night-time shop-ping and boasts the latest collection of these timelessly styled accessories, each of them handcrafted at the Bogotá factory.

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### **SPORTS**

### Monterrey defeat Esperance



Monterrey defender Hiram Mier (left) fouls Esperance forward Youssef Msakni during their FIFA Club World Cup fifth place play-off match at Toyota stadium in Toyota.

(AFP) - Mexicans Monterrey sealed fifth place at the Club World Cup on Wednesday after seeing off the African champions Esperance of Tunisia 3-2.

The CONCACAF winners fell behind in an open and entertaining fixture in the Japan-

ese city of Toyota, but struck back with three goals in a nineminute spell.

Monterrey coach Victor Vucetich had suggested after his side lost their opener on penalties that this was a game his men could have done without.

But he was more upbeat after this narrow win, saying the experience had been a "fruitful" one.

Esperance, whose small but vocal contingent of fans was surrounded by police after trouble marred their defeat to Al Sadd, took the lead in the 31st minute through their Cameroon forward Yannick Ndjeng.

But the advantage lasted just eight minutes, the Mexicans drawing level through Hiram Mier before Aldo De Nigris put them ahead a minute before half-time.

Monterrey, who were not at full-strength, went 3-1 up on 47 minutes with a Jesus Zavala strike, before Khaled Mouelhi pulled a goal back 14 minutes from the end from the spot for the Tunisians, who finish the tournament sixth.

Amateurs Auckland City went home with the wooden spoon after losing their opening game.



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## PSG dumped out of Europe despite win

(AFP) - Paris Saint Germain may or may not end up offering David Beckham a spell in the ultra-twilight of his career in the City of Light, but the former England star will not find any Europa League fare on his menu after the capital club were eliminated Wednesday.

PSG beat already-qualified Athletic Bilbao 4-2 at the Parc des Princes to hand the Spaniards their first loss of the tournament.

But the win was not enough as Salzburg won 3-2 at Slovan Bratislava to see the Austrians take second place in Group F.

That means there is no chance of the Parisians getting an attractive date with Champions League dropouts Manchester United, Beckham's former club, when Friday's draw is made at Nyon.

Recent media reports had suggested that PSG's owners, Qatar Sport Investments (QSI), had offered Beckham a lucrative contract to become the figurehead of their drive to turn the under-achieving side into one of Europe's top clubs.

PSG, joint top of the French league table with Montpellier as they chase down a first domestic crown since 1994, spent 85 million euros in the summer following a Qatari buyout but the influx has not translated into success on the European stage and they now must ensure they reach the Champions League via a strong Ligue 1 finish.

Coach Antoine Kombouare has been under the microscope in recent weeks following some poor results -- notably league losses to Marseille and Nancy -- and the pressure will now only increase with just the league title to aim for.

PSG sporting director Leonardo had backed the man in charge but it emerged in recent days that the Brazilian had made a pass at currently clubless Carlo Ancelotti.

Elsewhere in early Wednesday action, Lazio reached the

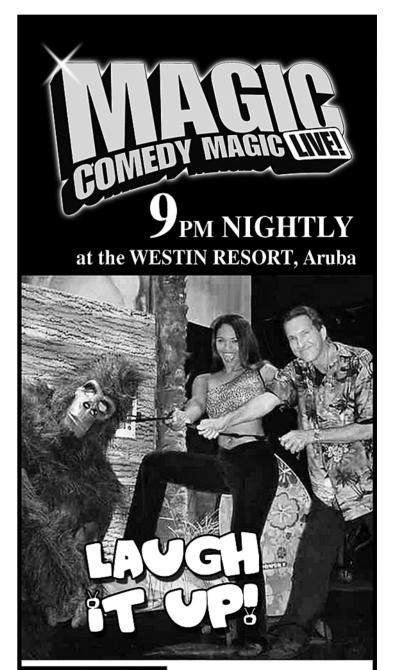
last 32 with a 2-0 win over Group D winners Sporting Lisbon.

Elsewhere, English Premier league side Stoke went down 3-1 at Besiktas despite Ricardo Fuller giving them the lead but had already qualified from Group E.

Manuel Fernandes equalised with a penalty spot after Matthew Upson was sent off for felling Hugo Almeida, and substitutes Mustafa Pektemek and Edu secured the win at a heaving Inonu Stadium, leaving the Turks as group winners.

Eight of the 32 sides in the knockout round will comprise United and City's fellow Champions League failures -- Turkey's Trabzonspor, Ajax, Valencia, Olympiakos, Porto, and Plzen.





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### India to ask London to drop Dow Chemical

NEW DELHI (AFP) - The Indian Olympic Association will formally ask organisers of the London Games to drop Dow Chemical as a sponsor over its links to the Bhopal disaster, acting chief Vijay Kumar Malhotra said Wednesday.

"We will express our displeasure to London Games organisers and ask them to drop Dow as one of their sponsors," Malhotra told AFP, adding that the company's role was "unacceptable". In 2001, Dow Chemical bought fellow chemical company Union Carbide, whose pesticide plant leaked gas into the central Indian city of Bhopal in 1984, killing tens of thousands in the world's worst industrial accident.

Malhotra said the Indian Olympic Association would formulate its demand over Dow at a two-day meeting of the body in New Delhi which is set to begin on Thursday. He stressed that India would not boycott the event.

Indian activists have been battling for more compensation money with protests being led by Shivraj Chauhan, the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state



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Malhotra said he had received a petition on Wednesday signed by 11,000 campaigners for Bhopal victims, led by former hockey Olympian Aslam Sher Khan.

Union Carbide settled with the Indian government in 1989 by paying \$470 million for the Bhopal victims.

Dow, which is sponsoring a fabric shroud to be installed on the main Olympic Stadium, says all liabilities for the disaster were resolved with this payment.

Malhotra, an influential member of the main opposition Bhartiya Janata Party, has sent letters to Sports Minister Ajay Maken and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh seeking their advice on the contentious issue.

"Olympics are about love, brotherhood and transparency and this company (Dow) is linked with (Union Carbide) which was responsible for killing thousands of Indian people," he said.

"It's unacceptable that such a company is a sponsor in the Olympics."

Maken last week described the row as a "sensitive issue" and said he has asked India's Olympic body "to take a strong decision on the issue".

London Olympic chief Sebastian Coe has defended the Dow Chemical sponsorship deal but Labour politician Ken Livingstone, who was mayor of London when the city won the right to host the Games, has urged a rethink.

"Dow were never the operators or the owners of that chemical plant in 1984, nor were they the operators or the owners of the plant in 1989 when the final settlement was agreed.

"I feel comfortable after analysing the history of this case," the two-time Olympic 1500 metres gold medallist added.

Malhotra holds temporary charge of the IOA as his predecessor Suresh Kalmadi is in jail over corruption charges stemming from last year's shambolic Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

The row over Dow has sparked a country-wide debate, pitting national sentiment with the Olympic dreams of athletes.

Khan, a member of India's 1975 hockey World Cup winning team, said nothing short of a boycott would convey the country's hurt.



## **England's Donald named PGA Player of the Year**



PONTE VEDRA BEACH, (AFP) - Britain's Luke Donald, the first player to win the US and European tour money titles in the same year, was named the US PGA Player of the Year on Tuesday in a vote of US tour players.

World number one Donald, the first Englishman to win the award since it was founded in 1990, won the last US PGA event of the year, the Children's Miracle Network Classic, to claim the US money title with \$6,683,214.

Donald, who turned 34 last week, won the European Tour's Race to Dubai, making birdies on the final three holes at the Dubai World Championships to finish atop the European Tour money list with 5.323 million euros.

The Player of the Year award, praise earned from fellow players, ended Donald's US campaign in style after he also claimed the Vardon Award for low adjusted scoring average at 68.86.

"That's a great honor to cap off what has obviously

been an amazing year for me," Donald said of the Player of the Year vote.

"Thank you to all the players for their votes. There was obviously some other worthy people to vote for, and I guess my overall consistency and having to go to Disney and win, and win the money list like I did, was a deciding factor.

"I feel very honored at the moment."

Donald still seeks his first major title. His best finish in a major this year was fourth at the Masters. Only four prior times in the past two decades has a PGA Player of the Year not won a major title in that same year.

"I suppose there's a little bit more pressure, a little bit more expectation, in majors and I need to learn to better handle that," Donald said.

"Obviously, this year has been a breakout year for me in terms of my confidence levels, and hopefully those confidence levels will be carried over to next year and will serve me well in the majors."

Donald, who also won the World Golf Championships Match-Play crown last February, had 14 top-10 showings in 19 US PGA starts with runner-up showings at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational and Heritage events.

Other top contenders for the Jack Nicklaus Trophy as US PGA Player of the Year were Keegan Bradley, Bill Haas, Webb Simpson and Nick Watney.

Bradley, the American who captured his first major title at the PGA Championship last August, was named the US PGA Rookie of the Year.

"I'm thrilled to win the Rookie of the Year," Bradley said. "It's a huge honor."



### Successful Fencing Championship: International School vs. SV LA Fama Fencing Team





Last Sunday the International School of Aruba and SV La Fama Fencing Team met up with each other in a friendly Fencing Championship on the battlefield of the International School of Aruba.

Fencing is once again becoming popular among the youngsters and the parents present showed their support and enthusiasm for this beautiful sport.

From the standpoint of Rudolf de Kort, FIE certified trainer, there is a great interest among the youngsters for the sport of fencing. He started out training only 10 kids for the team of SV La Fama and in a short period the team has grown to 30 participants.

Last October the International School of Aruba, joined by Mr. De Kort became the first school on the island to introduce the Sport of Fencing into their after school program. A total of 16 students participated at the introduction program, all of which followed the basics successfully.

Sunday's gold medal win-

ners were: Youth – age 10: Krish Tilokani ISA, Vita Juliao ISA; Youth – 12: Victor Maduro La Fama, Margarita Hoffmann ISA; Youth 14+ Jyrick Wouters, Richellene de Lange and Open Class Rendell de Kort La Fama.

Silver medal winners: Youth 10: Aaron de Lange La Fama, Victoria Boelen ISA; Youth 12: Ronald Hofstee La Fama, Tara Maduro La Fama; Youth 14+: Jonah Juliao ISA, Marylin de Kort La Fama; Open class: Shawn Kelly La Fama.

Bronze medal winners: Youth 10: Jean Luc Schwengle La Fama; Isabelle Ventura ISA; Youth 12: Jurvin Werleman, Meghan Arendsz; Youth 14+: Lorenzo Hoffmann ISA, Rebecca Maduro La Fama; Open class: Urvin Werleman La Fama.

SV La Fama fencing team received the the team champions trophy.

Organisers congratulates all winners, and to those who did make it, a special advise: "Do not give up, keep on training, next time you can be a winner too.



## German football HQ raided in corruption probe



BERLIN (AFP) - The headquarters of the German Football Federation (DFB) in Frankfurt were raided on Wednesday by state prosecutors investigating alleged corruption in the granting of player agent licences.

The raid took place after German football magazine Kicker alleged one of their reporters was able to buy the answers to the test, issued by football's governing body FIFA, to qualify to become a player agent.

The test is administrated by

the DFB in Germany.

The state prosecutor's office said it was investigating the allegations of bribery and the visit from officials to the DFB headquarters is reported to have lasted nearly three hours

"We can confirm that the DFB informed the Frankfurt prosecutor today about the process involved for a FIFA player's agent examination," DFB spokesman Ralf Koettker

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"The proceedings are not against the DFB, however the authorities are investigating unnamed persons. Of course, the DFB will assist the prosecutor with the ongoing investigation."

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The DFB's headquarters were also raided on October 24 by tax investigators looking into suspected tax evasion by referees over expenses.

